

DIRECTOR DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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Dear John:

We are about to achieve our first major milestone in DIA on the SAFE project with the achievement of Early Capability on 27 June. Our analysts are looking forward to the new capability. We, of course, have a long way to go to implement our structured large intelligence data bases on SAFE and replace DIAOLS.

I am advised that coincident with the achievement of Early Capability, that over the next few weeks, CIA is proposing to realign the project reporting to a division with the Office of Data Processing (ODP). [redacted] the current project manager, who has done a superb job in the redirection and bringing about Early Capability for both agencies, is being reassigned as a division director in ODP and will continue to monitor SAFE, but in addition to other duties. Along with these changes, CIA would appoint a new project manager.

I am aware of the strong ties the joint project has to CIA ODP software development capabilities. I don't want to disturb that important relationship nor the consolidated project office, but I am concerned with the potential diminution of influence of the DIA Deputy Project Director with the project

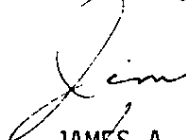
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operating within a division in ODP. Perhaps it's time, with the next major thrust of the project aimed at bringing up DIA structured file capabilities, that we reverse players and the senior DIA manager  become the Project Director.

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I would appreciate your consideration of this approach before any further action is taken.

Sincerely,



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